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Parameters and Calculated Fields

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk9HnpmWtsU>

TABLEAU – Parameters

Parameters are useful when you want:

- to add interactivity and flexibility to a report, or
- to experiment with what-if scenarios

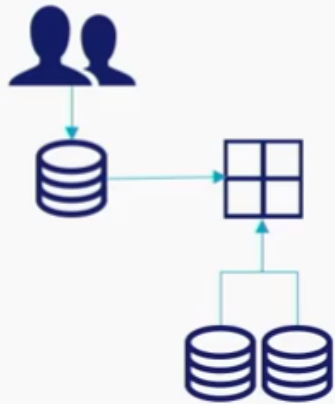
When you use parameters, you need to tie them to the view in some way:

- Use parameters in calculations and calculated fields used in the view
- Display the parameter control in the view for users to select parameters
- Reference parameters in parameter actions

TABLEAU – Parameters

TABLEAU
CONFERENCE

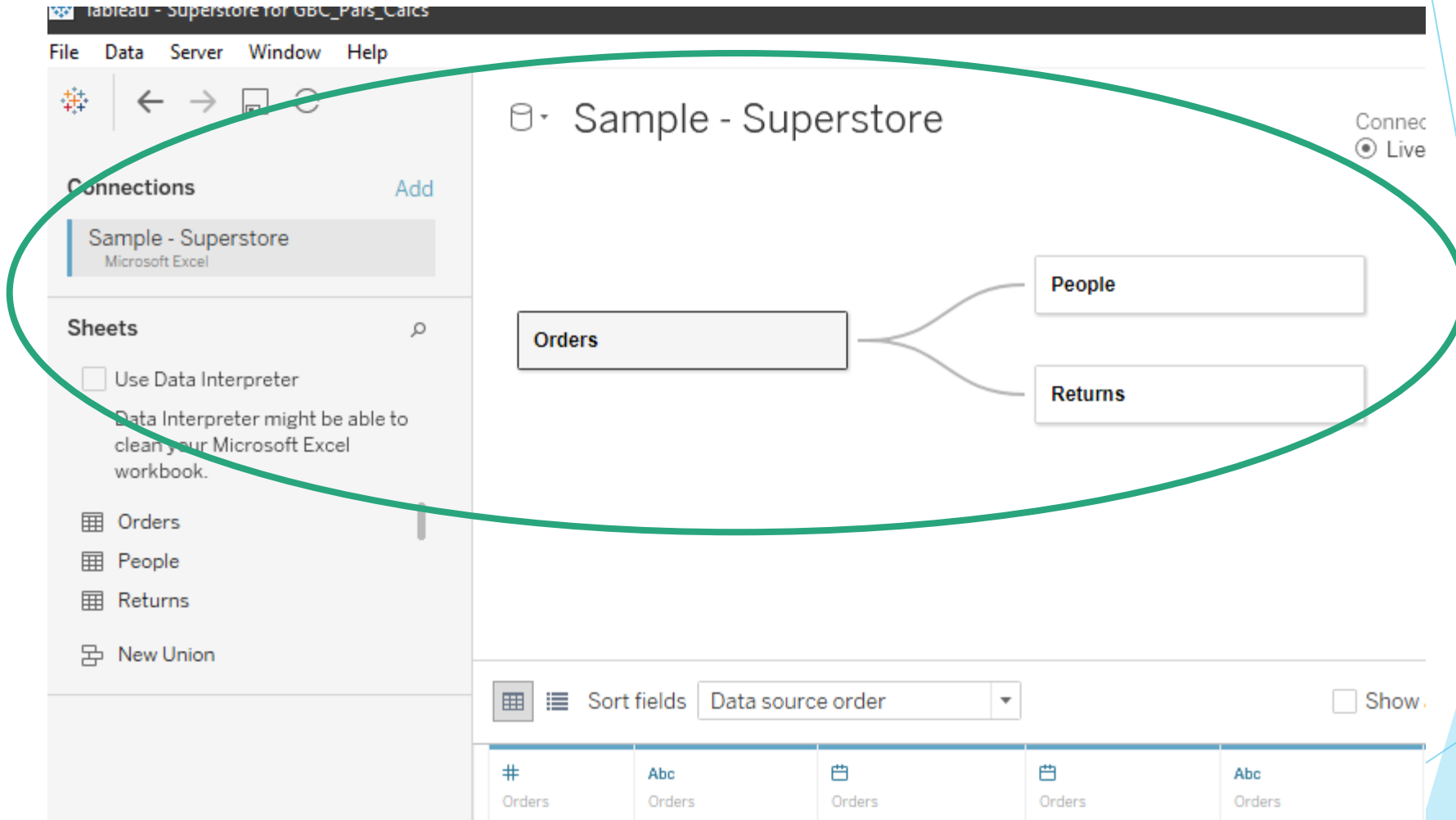
What Is a Parameter?



- **User Input**
 - A way of letting users specify a value
 - A “variable” in programming speak
 - Useful for What-If? Analysis
- **Data Source**
 - Params are fields
 - Live in a special data source
 - Can be used in calculations, etc.

<https://help.tableau.com/current/pro/desktop/en-us/changing-views-using-parameters.htm>

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The screenshot shows the Tableau Desktop interface. The title bar reads 'Tableau - Superstore for GBC_Pars_Cards'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Data', 'Server', 'Window', and 'Help'. On the left sidebar, the 'Connections' pane shows 'Sample - Superstore' (Microsoft Excel) selected. Below it, the 'Sheets' pane lists 'Orders', 'People', and 'Returns', along with a 'New Union' option. A green oval highlights the 'Connections' and 'Sheets' panes. The main workspace, titled 'Sample - Superstore', displays a diagram where a box labeled 'Orders' is connected by lines to boxes labeled 'People' and 'Returns'. In the top right corner of the workspace, there is a 'Connect' button and a 'Live' radio button. At the bottom of the workspace, there is a 'Sort fields' dropdown menu set to 'Data source order' and a 'Show' checkbox. Below these elements, a table with five columns is visible, each containing the text 'Orders'.

#	Abc	Orders	Orders	Abc
Orders	Orders	Orders	Orders	Orders

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File Data Server Window Help

Sample Superstore

Connections Add

Sample ...erstore
Microsoft Excel

Sheets

☐ Use Data Interpreter
Data Interpreter might be able to clean your Microsoft Excel workbook.

Orders
People
Returns
New Union

Sales Commission
Sales Target (US)
✓ Sample - Superstore
New Data Source

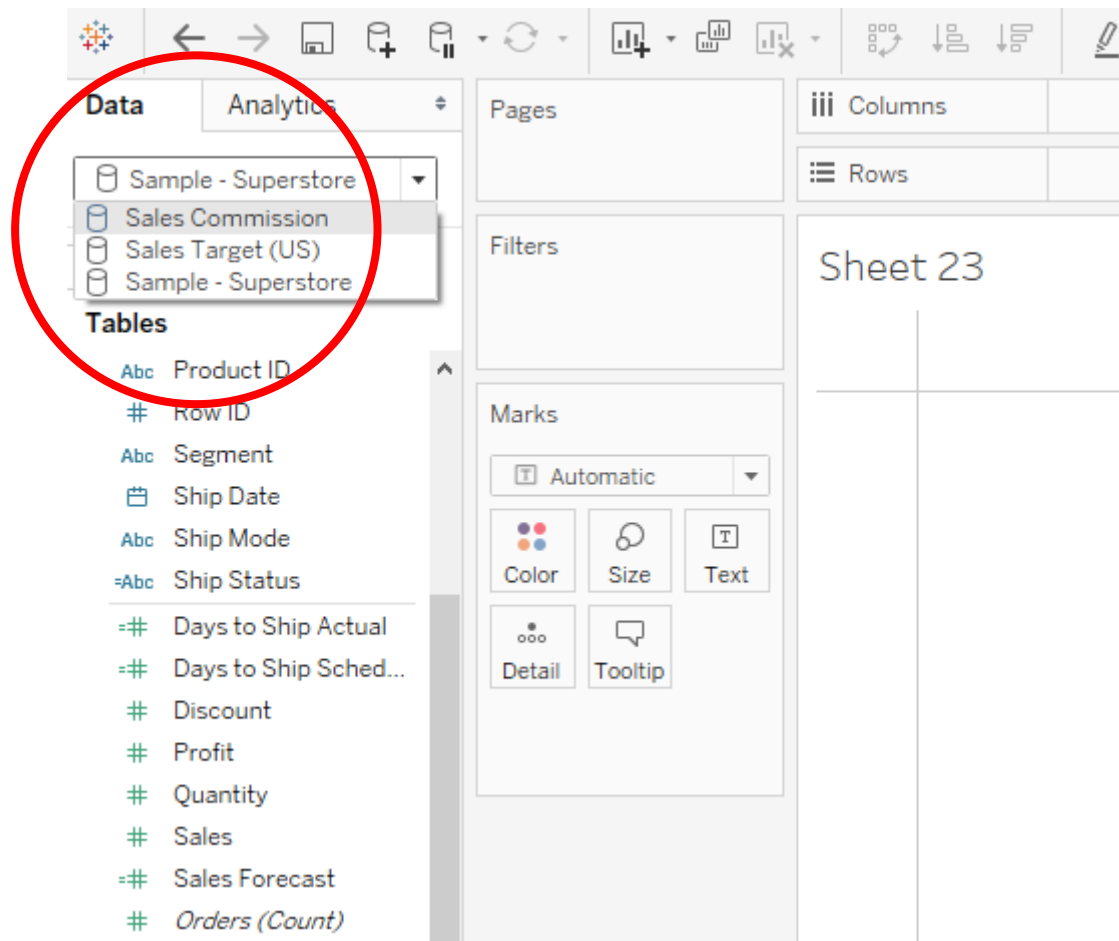
Orders

People
Returns

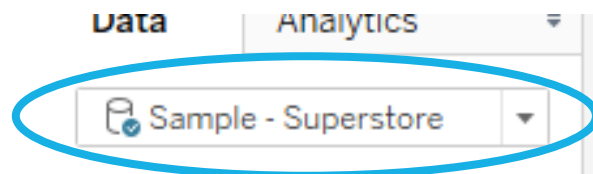
Sort fields Data source order

# Orders Row ID	Abc Orders Order ID	📅 Orders Order Date	📅 Orders Ship Date
1	CA-2019-152156	11/8/2019	11/11/20
2	CA-2019-152156	11/8/2019	11/11/20

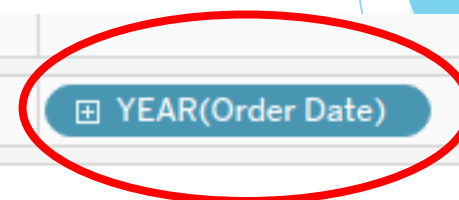
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Tables

- ✓  **Orders**
 - Abc Customer ID
 - Abc Customer Name
 - >  Location
 -  Order Date
 - Abc Order ID

Filters

Marks

Automatic

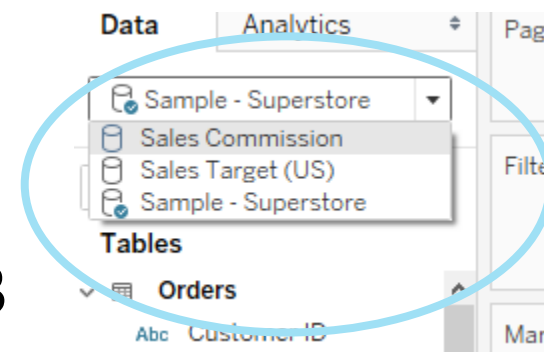
 Color
  Size
  Text

Sheet 23

Year of Ord..

2017	Abc
2018	Abc
2019	Abc
2020	Abc

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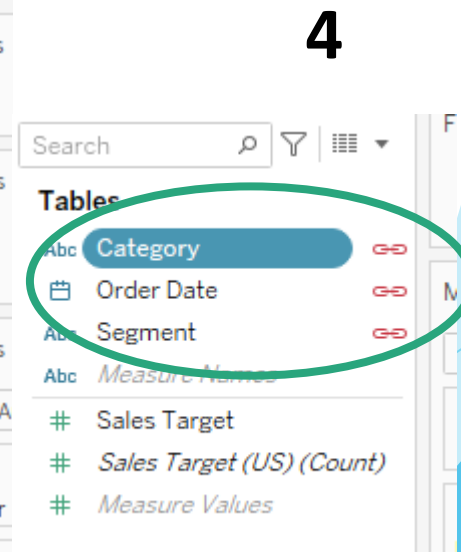
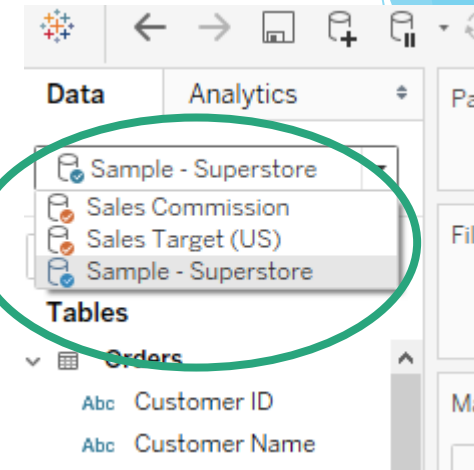
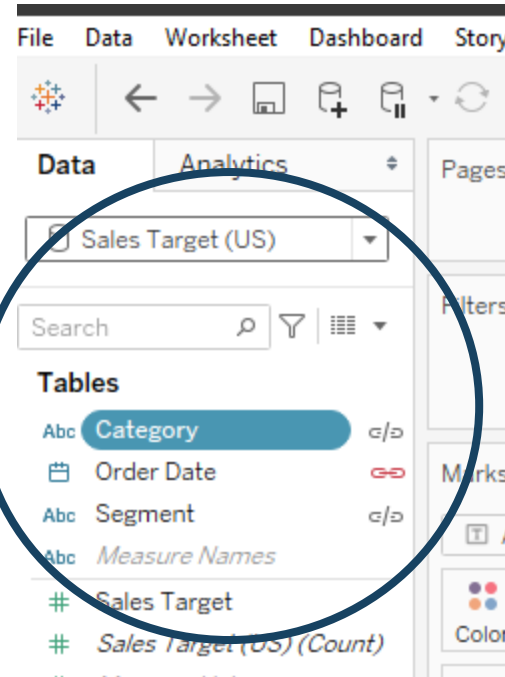
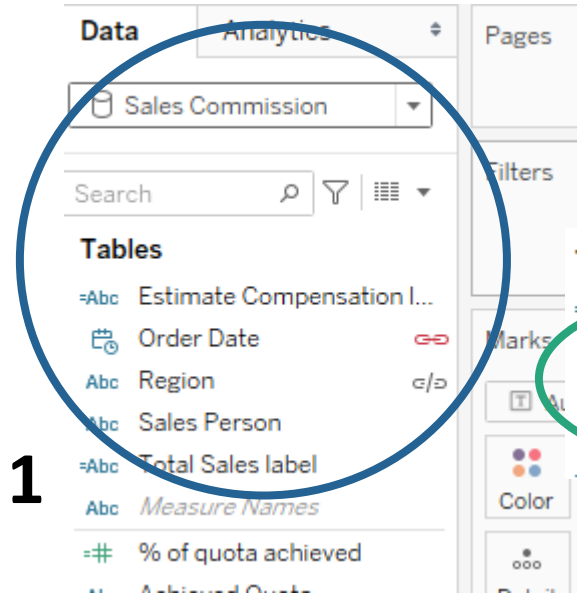
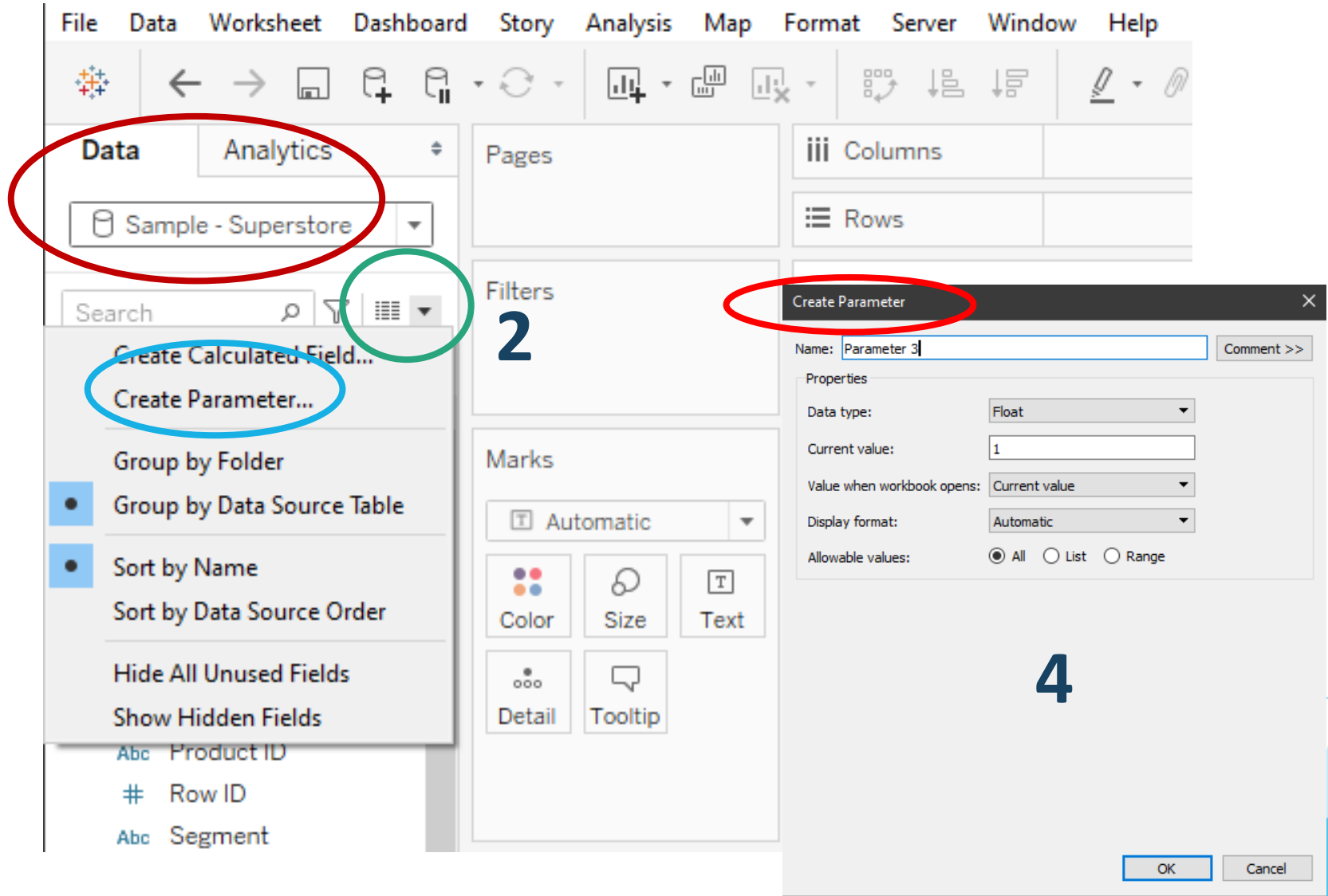


TABLEAU – Parameters

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The screenshot illustrates the steps to create a parameter in Tableau. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Data, Worksheet, Dashboard, Story, Analysis, Map, Format, Server, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The 'Data' tab is selected, and the data source is 'Sample - Superstore'. The 'Filters' shelf is visible. A right-click context menu is open, showing options like 'Create Calculated Field...', 'Create Parameter...', 'Group by Folder', 'Group by Data Source Table', 'Sort by Name', 'Sort by Data Source Order', 'Hide All Unused Fields', and 'Show Hidden Fields'. The 'Create Parameter...' option is highlighted. The 'Create Parameter' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Name: Parameter 3
- Comment: >>
- Properties:
 - Data type: Float
 - Current value: 1
 - Value when workbook opens: Current value
 - Display format: Automatic
 - Allowable values: ☒ All ☐ List ☐ Range

Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are at the bottom.

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Edit Parameter [Select Column 1 Heading] ✕

Name: Comment >>

Properties

Data type: 2

Current value:

Value when workbook opens:

Display format:

Allowable values: ☐ All ☒ List ☐ Range

List of values

Value	Display As
None	None
Customer Name	Customer Name
Customer Segment	Customer Seg...
Region	Region
Category	Category
Segment	Segment
Add	

☒ Fixed Add values from ▶

☐ When workbook opens None ▼

Clear All

OK Cancel

3

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Calculation1 Sample - Superstore

Column1 Category Sample - Superstore

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CASE [Select Column 1 Heading]
WHEN 'Customer Name' THEN [Customer Name]
WHEN 'Region' THEN [Region]
WHEN 'Category' THEN [Category]
WHEN 'Segment' THEN [Segment]
ELSE ''
END
```

The calculation is valid. 1 Dependency

Apply OK

ABS (number)

Returns the absolute value of the given number.

Example: ABS(-7) = 7

ABS

ACOS

AND

ASCII

ASIN

ATAN

ATAN2

ATTR

AVG

BUFFER

CASE

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Tables

- # Discount
- # Profit
- # Quantity
- # Sales
- =# Sales Forecast
- # *Orders (Count)*

▼ **People**

- Abc Person
- # *People (Count)*

▼ **Returns**

- Abc Returned
- # *Returns (Count)*

Abc *Measure Names*

- =# Column 1 Category
- =# Column 2 Category
- =# Profit per Order
- =# Profit Ratio
- =# Row 1 Category
- =# Row 2 Category
- =Abc Sales above Target?
- =# Sales per Customer
- 🌐 *Latitude (generated)*

Parameters

- # Base Salary
- # Churn Rate
- # Commission Rate
- # New Business Growth
- # New Quota
- Abc **Select Column 1 Heading**
- Abc Select Column 2 Heading
- Abc Select Row 1 Heading
- Abc Select Row 2 Heading

Marks

Auto...

Color Size Text

Det... Too...

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! ! ! !

Add to Sheet

✓ Show Parameter

Cut

Copy

Edit...

Duplicate

Rename

Hide

Delete

Create ▶

Default Properties ▶

Folders ▶

Replace References...

Describe...

2

Select Column 1 Heading

None

Select Column 2 Heading

None

Select Row 1 Heading

None

Select Row 2 Heading

None

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Columns: Column 1 Category, Column 2 Category, Sub-Category

Rows: Row 1 Category, Row 2 Category

Search

Tables

- Orders
 - Column 1 Category
 - Column 2 Category
 - Customer ID
 - Customer Name
 - Location
 - Country/Region
 - Region
 - State
 - City
 - Postal Code
 - Order Date
 - Order ID
 - Order Profit
 - Product
 - Category
 - Sub-Category
 - Product Name
 - Product ID
 - Row 1 Category
 - Row 2 Category
 - Row ID
 - Segment
 - Ship Date
 - Ship Mode

- Parameters
- Base Salary
 - Churn Rate
 - Commission Rate
 - New Business Growth
 - New Quota

Marks

SUM(Sales)

Region

2

Sheet 22

		Column 1 Category / Column 2 Category / Sub-Category																
Row 1 Category	Row 2 Category	Furniture				Office Supplies					Technology							
		Books	Chairs	Furnish	Tables	Applia	Art	Binders	Envelo	Fasten	Labels	Paper	Storage	Suppli	Access	Copiers	Machi	Phones
Consumer	Central	\$12,961	\$42,933	\$9,500	\$20,835	\$9,819	\$3,272	\$39,694	\$2,365	\$422	\$743	\$7,564	\$24,672	\$4,560	\$19,062	\$4,520	\$12,000	\$37,109
	East	\$27,307	\$59,645	\$13,177	\$14,082	\$19,390	\$3,847	\$31,623	\$2,096	\$424	\$1,653	\$8,661	\$24,994	\$8,568	\$22,861	\$30,400	\$30,668	\$51,512
	South	\$8,717	\$26,804	\$10,871	\$24,409	\$8,287	\$2,655	\$18,618	\$1,192	\$276	\$1,868	\$7,603	\$16,882	\$2,124	\$11,652	\$4,440	\$18,339	\$30,846
	West	\$19,648	\$43,480	\$16,072	\$40,607	\$15,324	\$4,478	\$28,227	\$2,119	\$558	\$2,445	\$12,496	\$33,944	\$10,490	\$33,530	\$30,460	\$18,536	\$50,166
Corporate	Central	\$8,390	\$27,990	\$3,144	\$12,563	\$5,225	\$1,479	\$8,880	\$1,236	\$232	\$1,095	\$5,952	\$12,657	\$4,383	\$6,195	\$29,680	\$11,717	\$17,181
	East	\$13,169	\$23,505	\$9,983	\$17,552	\$10,981	\$2,278	\$12,048	\$1,579	\$286	\$509	\$5,975	\$30,968	\$1,849	\$11,748	\$4,220	\$23,892	\$29,866
	South	\$1,154	\$11,367	\$4,505	\$12,620	\$10,124	\$1,332	\$11,828	\$1,471	\$81	\$365	\$3,345	\$11,362	\$6,022	\$10,175	\$4,860	\$12,001	\$19,274
	West	\$11,294	\$36,279	\$7,369	\$28,138	\$10,259	\$3,501	\$18,805	\$1,657	\$184	\$2,133	\$8,611	\$24,804	\$7,181	\$20,072	\$8,070	\$12,667	\$24,833
Home Office	Central	\$2,807	\$14,308	\$2,610	\$5,757	\$8,539	\$1,014	\$8,350	\$1,036	\$123	\$613	\$3,976	\$8,602	\$525	\$8,699	\$3,060	\$3,081	\$18,114
	East	\$3,343	\$13,110	\$5,911	\$7,506	\$3,817	\$1,360	\$9,827	\$701	\$110	\$442	\$5,536	\$15,650	\$343	\$10,424	\$18,600	\$11,546	\$19,237

Select Column 1 Heading

Customer Segment

Select Column 2 Heading

Category

Select Row 1 Heading

Segment

Select Row 2 Heading

Region

Region

- Central
- East
- South
- West

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Filters

Customer Name

Marks

Automatic

2

Customer Name

- ☒ (All)
- ☒ Aaron Bergman
- ☒ Aaron Hawkins
- ☒ Aaron Smayling
- ☒ Adam Bellavance
- ☒ Adam Hart
- ☒ Adam Shillingsburg
- ☒ Adrian Barton
- ☒ Adrian Hane
- ☒ Adrian Shami
- ☒ Aimee Pixby

☒ South
☒ West

Sheet 22

Column 1 Category / Column 2 Category / Sub-Category

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		Chairs	Furnis..	Tables	Applia..	Art	Binders	Envelo..	Fasten..	Labels	Paper	Storage	Suppli..	Access..	Copiers	Machi		
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		59,645	\$13,177	\$14,082	\$19,390	\$3,847	\$31,623	\$2,096	\$424	\$1,653	\$8,661	\$24,994	\$8,568	\$22,861	\$30,400	\$30,668		
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